

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

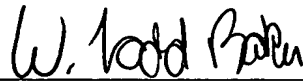
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-44 are presently active in this case. The proper status identifier for claims 1 and 40 has been provided.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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